[Mr. T. Kumara Pillai.]

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12* :—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner:—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Standards for Promotions in the Excise Department.

1. MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Excise Commissioner has recorded his opinion that seniority in service and qualifications need not be considered as standards of test for promotions in the Excise Department?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Mr. Van Ross has stated that seniority or educational qualifications should not be the sole criterion for promotion in the executive line of the Excise Department.

Production of Local Salt.

2. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many maunds of salt are required for consumption in the State for one year;

(*b*) how many maunds of salt were manufactured in 1095, 1096 and 1097 in each of the factories of the State;

(*c*) how many maunds of salt were sold from each of the factories in these years; and

(*d*) what surplus quantity of salt was left in each of the factories?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 10,50,000 maunds roughly;

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) A statement* containing the information is laid on the table.

Salt in the Tamaracolam Factories.

3. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) How many maunds of salt were manufactured in the Tamaracolam factories in the years 1095, 1096 and 1097?

(*b*) How many maunds of salt were sold out of the same during each year?

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* *Vide* Appendix I—page 9.

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